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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Communications from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

July 15, 2004.

Dear Secretary Hawker - Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation 2004-212, filed in my office on July 15, 2004, by Rod -- Governor Rod R. Blagojevich, calling for a Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly, to begin at 2 o'clock p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2004. A notice and accompanying Proclamation has been mailed today to each Member's Springfield office.

(Secretary reads Proclamation 04-212)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

The Senate is convened in the Fifteenth Special Session of the 93rd General Assembly. Under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 93rd General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 93rd General Assembly, including any Special Session. There are three organizational resolutions that will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Senate Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journals for the Senate for all days of the Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 1 from the Fifteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Maloney now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Resolution No. 2 from the Fifteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Maloney now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution No. 3, offered by -- pardon me, of the Fifteenth Special Session, offered by Senator Maloney.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Maloney now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Inquiry of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Please proceed.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Good afternoon. Do -- could you -- can you give us an idea, Mr. President, about what the Calendar may be the rest of today, Saturday and Sunday? Is there an expectation? Has there been a communication between the Senate President's Office and the Governor about whether or not another proclamation will be filed? Just -- just a general inquiry, if you can help us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

We are going to adjourn for the weekend, until Monday about noon. The Governor is meeting with the Leaders, once again. Hopefully, they are coming to some resolution of the details of the agreement they reached overnight, as well as looking for sources to fund the agreement they reached yesterday. So, for

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that reason, we are going to adjourn shortly without conducting any business today, return on Monday and hopefully do some business Monday, as well as proceed with finalizing the budget. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate that you don't decide whether a proclamation is filed or not, but can I take your comments to mean that as -- as of this point you don't expect Special Session proclamations to be filed for the weekend?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Correct.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Fifteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned to Perfunctory Session until Monday, July 19th, 2004. The Fifteenth Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.